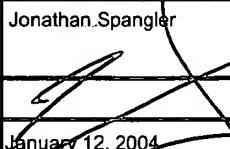
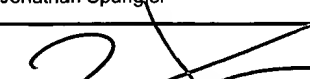


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|   |    | Art Unit               | 3731               |
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| 1203         | 290      | 2203         | 145      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |          |
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| 1812     | 2,520    | 1812     | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 1804     | 920*     | 1804     | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
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| 1251     | 110      | 2251     | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
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| 1253     | 950      | 2253     | 475      | Extension for reply within third month                                     | 475      |
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| 1402     | 330      | 2402     | 165      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 1403     | 290      | 2403     | 145      | Request for oral hearing   |          |
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| 1453     | 1,330    | 2453     | 665      | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
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